

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 13 are pending in the application.

The purpose of this second preliminary amendment is to correct minor errors made during the translation of the original Japanese specification into the English language. Such amendments are formal in nature and no new matter is added by any of the above amendments. Entry of this amendment and early examination of this application are respectfully solicited.

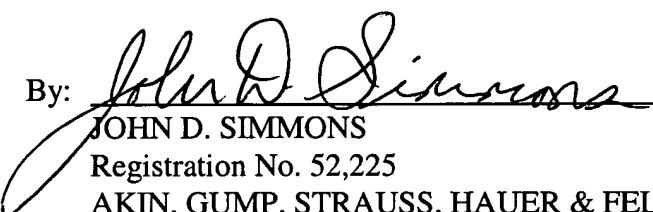
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